

## Message Text

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ACTION AID-59

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: EAID, EG  
SUBJ: PL-480 TITLE I TOBACCO FOR EGYPT

REF STATE 236287,

1. INFO CONTAINED REFTEL IS FIRST INDICATION RECEIVED BY  
MISSION CAIRO AS TO COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF PROPOSED DOLLARS  
60 MILLION INCREASE IN FY77 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM FOR EGYPT.  
SINCE WHEAT WILL CONSTITUTE THREE FIFTHS OF TOTAL, WE ASSUME  
TOTAL PACKAGE CONSISTS OF 300,000 MT WHEAT WITH VALUE OF  
DOLLARS 36 MILLION, 800 MT TOBACCO WITH VALUE OF DOLLARS  
3.5 MILLION AND UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY OF SOYBEAN OIL WITH  
VALUE OF DOLLARS 20.5 MILLION. PLEASE ADVISE MISSION QUANTITY  
OF LATTER PROPOSED.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIVELY MEAGER INCREASE IN  
QUANTITY OF TOBACCO SINCE GOE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED MORE  
TOBACCO ALONG WITH WHEAT, CORN, COTTON AND CERTAIN OTHER  
COMMODITIES. WHILE GOE WILL WELCOME SOYBEAN OIL IN AMENDMENT  
TO AGREEMENT, IT DID NOT REQUEST THIS COMMODITY AND IT WILL  
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NOT CARRY SAME IMPACT AS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN QUANTITY  
OF TOBACCO. WE BELIEVE GOE WAS EXPECTING ADDITIONAL TOBACCO  
IN RANGE OF 5,000 - 10,000 MT AND DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION PLUS  
EXPORT TRADE FULLY SUPPORT NEED FOR SUCH AN AMOUNT. THIS WAS  
ALSO FIGURE MENTIONED BY AID FIR BROWN DURING HIS RECENT  
CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON. FRANKLY WE ARE PUZZLED AT  
NEGLECTIBLE INCREASE IN TOBACCO AND ANTICIPATE SIMILAR

REACTION FROM GOE.

3. UNLESS THERE ARE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REVEALED TO MISSION CAIRO, WE RECOMMEND THAT TOBACCO BE INCREASED TO 5,000 MT, WHEAT REDUCED TO 250,000 MT AND BALANCE OF DOLLARS 60 MILLION ALLOCATED TO SOYBEAN OIL. ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, THIS WOULD MEAN COMMODITY COMPOSITION AS FOLLOWS: 250,000 MT WHEAT WITH VALUE OF DOLLARS 30.0 MILLION; 5,000 MT TOBACCO WITH VALUE OF DOLLARS 21.875 MILLION AND UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY OF SOYBEAN OIL WITH VALUE OF DOLLARS 9.125 MILLION.

4. RECOMMENDATION OF 5,000 MT TOBACCO IS NOT A MAGIC NUMBER AND COMMODITY COMPOSITION COULD BE ADJUSTED SOMEWHAT FROM THAT SUGGESTED ABOVE, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE PROPOSED 800 MT TOBACCO IS LIKELY TO HAVE ANY POLITICAL IMPACT.  
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